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Mask defect checking device for electron beam exposure, compares mask signal and CAD signal which are generated according to mask shape, to check defects of mask

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Abstract (Basic): US 20020024019 A1

NOVELTY - A sensitivity regulator (5) outputs a mask signal according to a mask shape, based on electrons passing through the mask. A CAD signal generator (8) outputs a CAD signal showing a required mask shape in synchronism with the output of mask signal based on CAD data (DT) for making the mask. A signal comparator (6) compares the mask and CAD signals, and accordingly checks the defects of mask.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for mask defect checking method.

USE - For checking defects of a mask used in electron beam exposure, in patterning process of semiconductors.

ADVANTAGE - Increases speed of defect checking of the electron beam exposure mask. Eliminates the need to acquire an optical image of an electron beam exposure mask and checks promptly and accurately whether or not there are defects in an electron beam exposure mask, using an electric signal and a CAD signal based on transmission electrons acquired using electron beam scanning.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows a schematic diagram of mask defect checking device.

Sensitivity regulator (5)

Signal comparator (6)

CAD signal generator (8)

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